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Glenmary Farm Recognized for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship by USPOULTRY

TUCKER, Ga. – Feb. 27, 2017 – Glenmary Farm of Rapidan, Va., was one of five farms across the United States to receive U.S. Poultry & Egg Association’s Family Farm Environmental Excellence Award during the International Poultry Expo, part of the 2017 International Production & Processing Expo, in Atlanta, Ga. Tom and Kim Nixon accepted the award for the farm. The U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY) sponsors the annual awards in recognition of exemplary environmental stewardship by family farmers engaged in poultry and egg production.

Applicants were rated in several categories, including manure management, nutrient management planning, community involvement, wildlife enhancement techniques, innovative nutrient management techniques, and participation in education and outreach programs. Applications were reviewed and farm visits conducted by a team of environmental professionals from universities, regulatory agencies and state poultry associations.

The Nixons have been raising turkeys for Cargill since 2004 on their 1,100 acre farm. They have three turkey houses and raise 150,000 turkeys per year. In addition to their poultry, they raise beef cattle and sheep while also growing corn, soybeans, sorghum, hay and other small grains.

The Nixons have been recognized over the years for their sustainability efforts by Cargill and the Virginia Farm Bureau. Having river frontage on the Rapidan River, the Nixon’s strive to constantly improve their techniques to protect water flowing by their farm. They are able to store up to eight months’ worth of litter so that it can be applied when weather conditions are suitable. To ensure nutrients are managed properly, soil tests are taken on all crop land annually. These tests allow the fields to be grided to determine specific fertilizer application rates according to plant need and residual nutrient levels.

The Nixons have created sediment ponds, grass buffer strips around the barns, and ponds to prevent excess water and nutrients from ending up in local streams. They also utilize cover crops and use minimum or no-tillage farming strategies to prevent erosion. They host visitors on their farm to showcase their best management practices. The Nixons have also been featured on social media and television as industry spokespeople, allowing them to tell their farm’s sustainability story to a larger public audience.

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